

REMARKS:

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of March 23, 2004, and for the courtesy of a telephone interview on June 2, 2004 regarding same. During the telephone interview, Examiner Egan advised that he had met with his supervisor to discuss possible amendments to the claims that would place this application in condition for allowance.

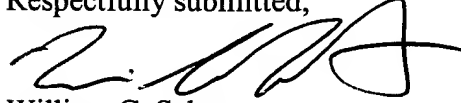
Examiner Egan indicated that amendments to claim 1 as provided herein would place this claim in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicant claims a textile web, which, viewed from a transverse direction, is provided with several web sections that extend parallel to one another in a lengthwise direction and are aligned adjacent to one another, with their lateral edges being attached to one another via fasteners *selected from the group consisting of a sewn seam and adhesive tape*. The adjacent lateral edges have alternating projections and recesses *extending in a transverse direction to the textile web about 50 cm or less*, and the web sections are interlocked with one another via these projections and recesses. The fasteners connect the projections to one another.

Applicant has amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 23 has been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-22 and 24 depend from amended claim 1. Applicant submits that the requested amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and all rejections may therefore be properly withdrawn. Applicant earnestly solicits entry of the amendments, and allowance of all pending claims.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Schrot', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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